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SUBJECT: EMBASSY NICOSIA EAC LEBANON CRISIS UPDATE MAY 13
0845 HRS

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¶1. (SBU) At 0845 hrs local on May 13, Ambassador Schlicher convened an Emergency Action Committee (EAC) meeting to review political developments in Lebanon and follow up on the May 12 EAC meeting (reftel). Post submitted an updated staffing request to Washington on May 12. Contingency planning for a Beirut Air Bridge (new name to be determined) continues. Two members of the Embassy staff returned safely yesterday to Cyprus from Lebanon via boat. The boat returned with no staff on board. Katherine Ingman from Embassy Sofia will arrive May 14 to provide TDY support. Public Affairs continues to coordinate with EUCOM, and a EUCOM Public Affairs point of contact, Lt. Commander Barker, will arrive in Cyprus shortly. The Ambassador noted that since two-thirds of the Embassy Nicosia's American staff (including 100% of the front office) will be turning over this summer, Post will be short-staffed on direct hires and EFMs.

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